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1. Modification of Schmetterling Ground Control Station:

In the original model, both ceramic cylinders (one for elevation, the other for azimuth control) were mounted solidly on a common shaft and thus rotated at the same speed. In the modified version, these cylinders were mounted on individual shafts and were geared to operate at different RPM's, thus creating one frequency for elevation and one for azimuth control.

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The gears for this modification were designed by May 1947, but were not actually constructed.

2. Large Water Canal: The water canal which was designed about 1947 by H. Scrauder in Ostashkov, and which was built in Moscow, arrived in April 1948 on Gorodniya Island and was assembled in a specially designated building in May 1948 (See Figure 2). Damage sustained during the transfer was repaired and the glass plates were inserted. The canal was levelled with the aid of theodolites. A large Laval nozzle for Mach 2.15 was delivered. For higher Mach numbers, other nozzles were to be constructed later. Actual experiments were not conducted in the large water canal until Spring 1950, after the weir (Figure 3) was developed and built. In addition, a 9 kW electric motor to drive a centrifugal pump was installed to operate the canal. Later a gate-valve was built at the end of the experimental area, in order to increase the back-pressure and/or build up the water level. A large wooden lattice-work was placed in the reservoir and floated in front of the rectifier (a device which smoothed the flow of water in one direction), in order to calm the waves in the reservoir and to avoid pulsation in the water flow.

Optical rails which ran along the canal's side walls served as a mount for securing the stand for the water level gauge, the scales, and the support for the motion picture camera.

An adjustable overflow tube was installed behind the rectifier for quick readings and control of the water level. A manometer for reading Pitot pressure was placed on the front canal wall. (See Figure 4 for details of Pitot tube).

The electrical power for the operation of all laboratory equipment on Gorodniya Island was supplied by three or four rather antiquated 200 Volt diesel driven generators. These same generators also supplied the entire residential area. This necessitated the restriction of private use of electrical power during the day to ensure a reasonable supply for the laboratories. Even so, the voltage regulation was so poor and variable that operation of the water canal was always difficult. Deviations in the current supply resulted in uneven water pump action, which in turn lowered or raised the water level and velocity in the canal at a greater rate than the overflow valve could compensate for.

This canal was dismantled about August 1952 and was removed from the island, presumably to Moscow. There is a second water canal in the USSR (Moscow?).

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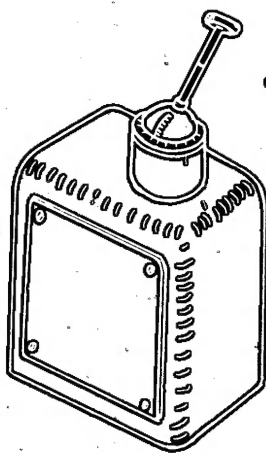
3. Experiments in the Large Water Canal: The large water canal had been built

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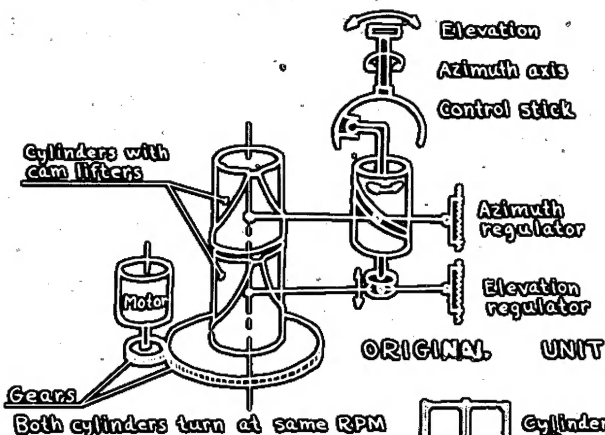
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SCHMETTERLING STEERING UNIT (EXTERNAL VIEW)



MODIFIED UNIT

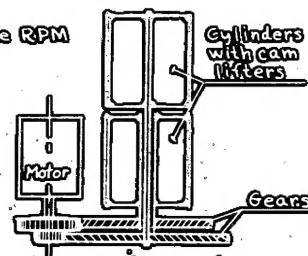


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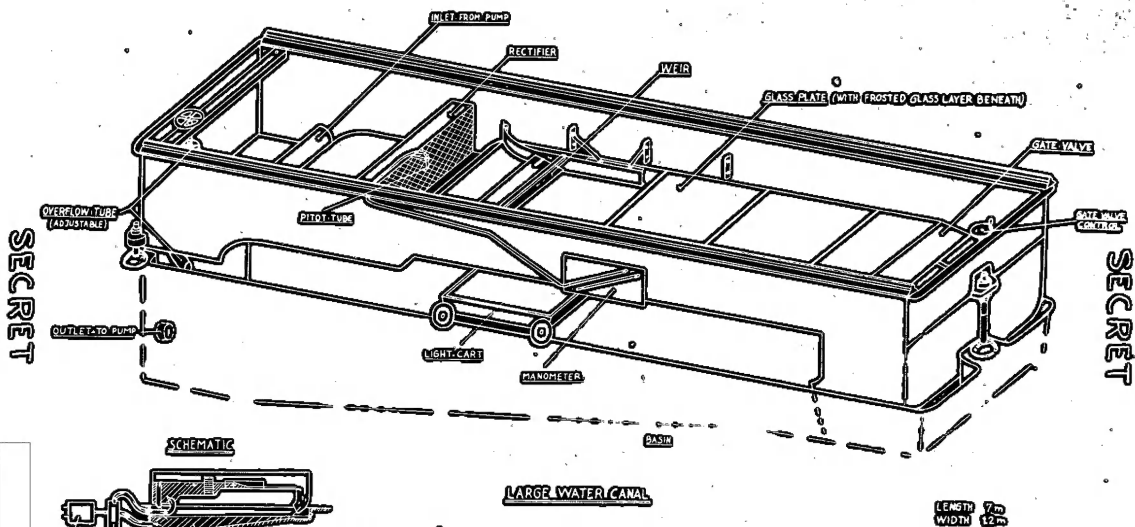


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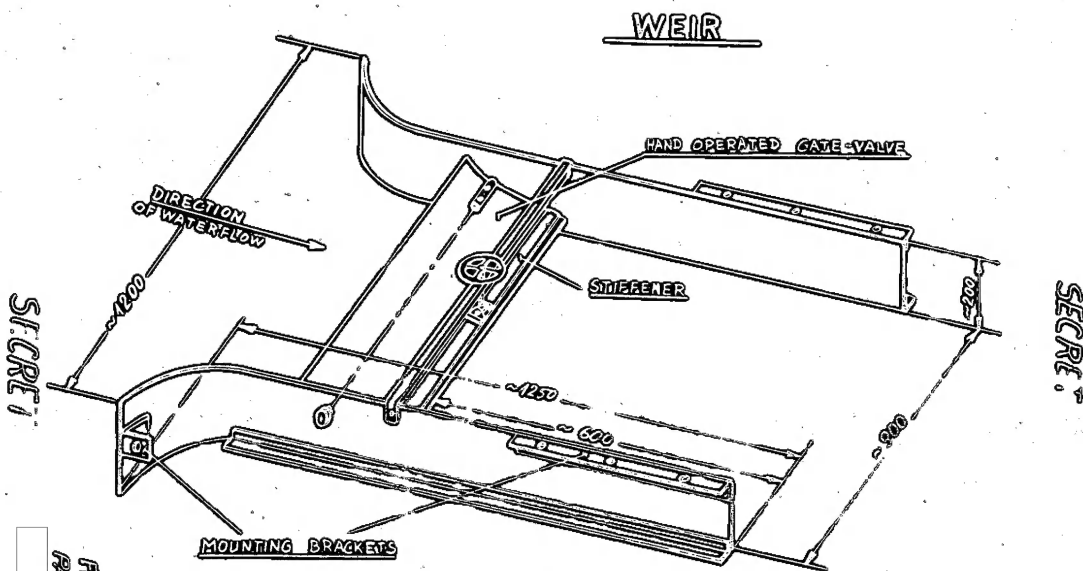


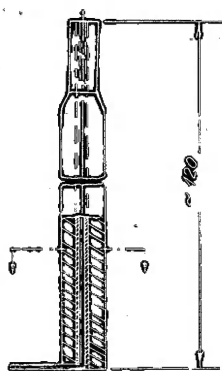
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PITOT TUBE OF GLASS



PITOT TUBE OF METAL



PITOT TUBE USED IN BOTH LARGE AND SMALL WATER CANAL

SCALE 1" = 1'

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for operation with laval nozzles, but the first experiments showed that the length of the nozzle (approximately 3in) caused a boundary layer which made exact measurements impossible. Work in the canal was only made possible with the introduction of the weir.

The first experiments were to determine the coefficients of lift and drag on wedge and ogive shaped models of various sizes (see Figure 5), at different angles of attack and at different Mach numbers. Later comparative measurements were made by means of a yaw-scale and drag-scale.

At the same time, measurements were made on various diffusers; (see Figure 6), diffusers with parallel guide vanes, with converging guide vanes, and diffusers according to AIRMAIL (see Note: AIRMAIL is a Russian who published a book on aerodynamics, containing a section devoted to the discussion of various configurations for diffusers. The German scientists working at Göttingen used this one configuration in their experiments.) Then followed a series of experiments of expansion nozzles with various angles of opening at various counter pressures (see Figure 7).

employed the water canal for experiments on a model high pressure injector for the wind tunnel. (see Figure 8).

Occasionally experiments were made for wind tunnel projects which were more easily defined in the water canal; for example, the trial of a wind tunnel model mount, (see Figure 9), designed to avoid distortion of the low pressure area immediately behind the missile model. This distortion had previously been produced by a shock wave from the mount itself, therefore, this new design was created to alleviate this condition.

Another series of experiments (see Figures 10) was devoted to the variation of critical Mach numbers by various lift (relation of width of models to width of canal). This experiment was made for comparison purposes with wind tunnel experiments. A description of this series of shock wave experiments which was conducted from the end of 1951 through the first part of 1952 for Dr. AIRMAIL and RUBINER follows:

Under direction from Moscow (MII K), a series of experiments was conducted on various configurations of rocket models. (see Figure 11). Measurements were made at angles of attack of 0°, 5°, 10°, 15°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 75°, 90°, 135°, and 180° and at varying Mach numbers.

BOGOMOLOV, a student from Moscow, carried out a series of experiments, on models with inter-changeable heads, center sections and pieces of various lengths. (see Figure 12). These experiments were recorded photographically and the film was given to Bogomolov.

4. Shock Wave Experiments: Experiments were made on the speed and expansion of shock waves with various war-head shapes. These were conducted in the water canal, however, the water was dammed at both ends thus forming a basin. A description of this series of shock wave experiments, which was conducted from the end of 1951 thru the first part of 1952

a. Figure 13 shows the arrangement of the water canal and associated equipment during a typical experiment.

b. Figure 14 shows details of the models tested. These models were made of sheet aluminum, 2mm thick, welded and smoothly finished to exact measurements.

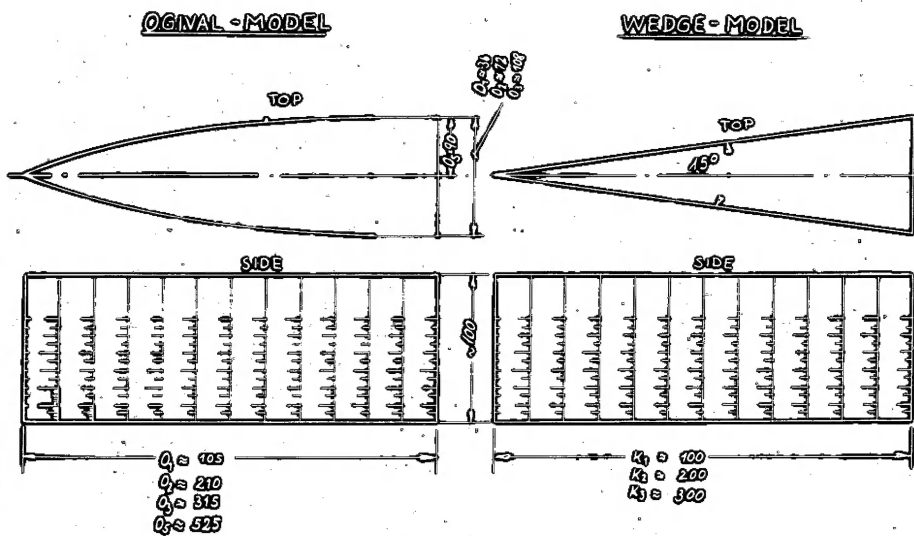
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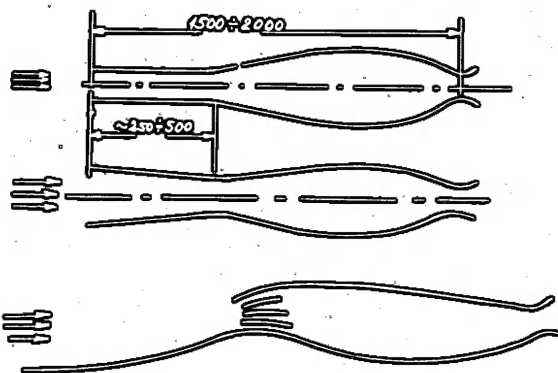
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WITH PARALLEL ENTRY

WITH CONICAL ENTRY

*ABRAMOVITCH DIFFUSER
FOR CURVED SHOCK WAVE ENTRY

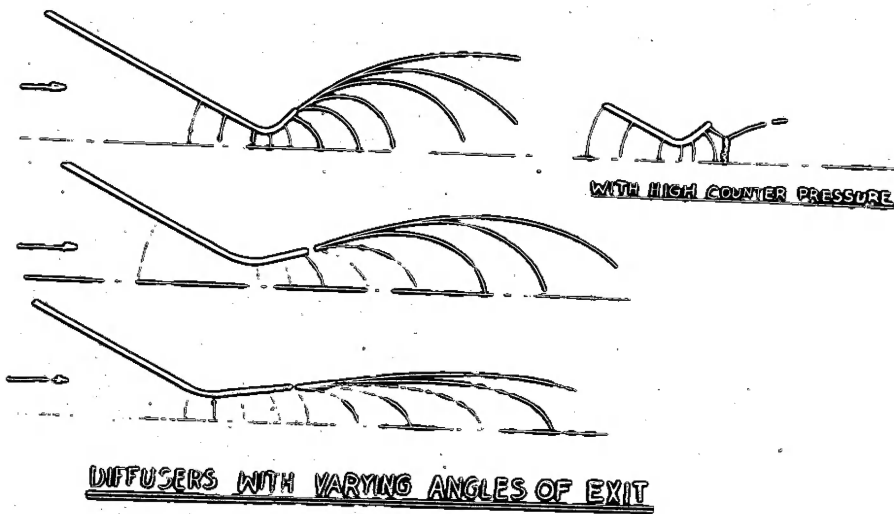
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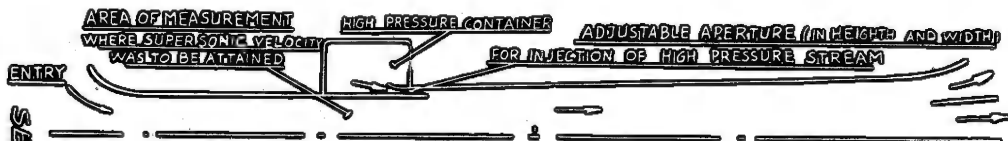


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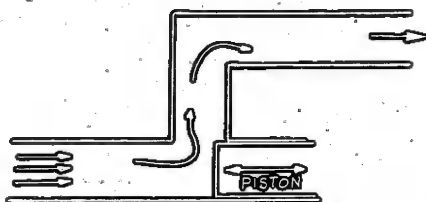
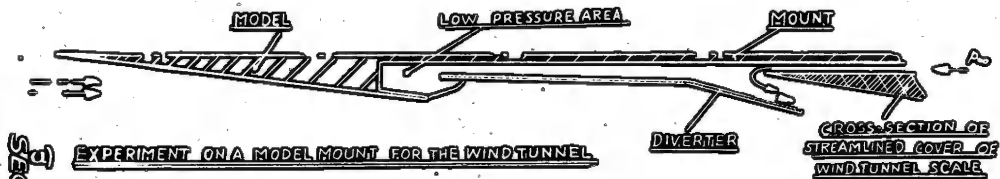
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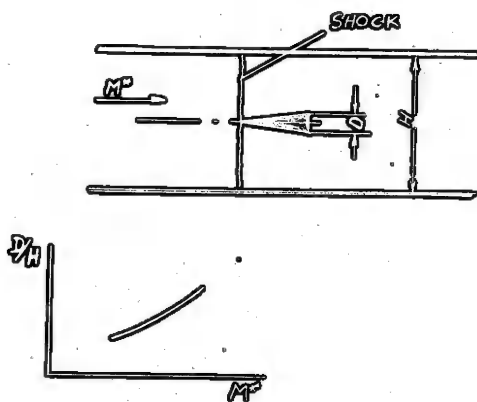
EXPERIMENT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MODEL INJECTOR TYPE
SUPER SONIC WIND TUNNEL

FIGURE 3
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b) EXAMINATION OF THE AIRSTREAM AT THE QUICK CLOSING VALVE FOR THE WINDTUNNEL
(EXPERIMENTAL LAY-OUT)



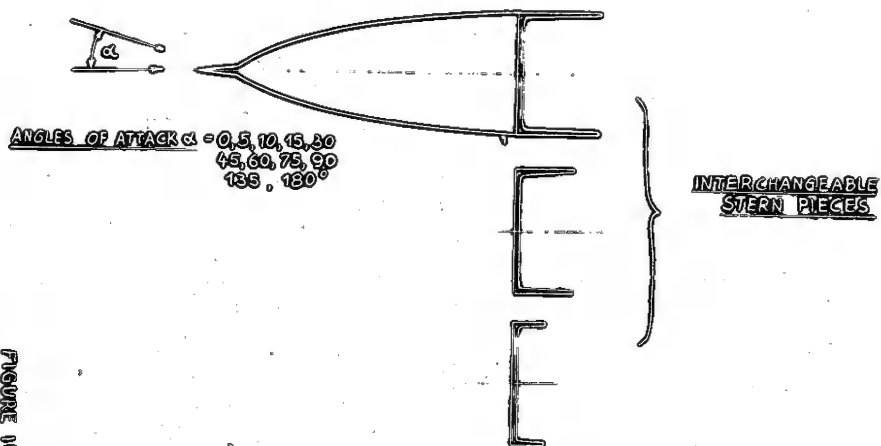
H = CANAL WIDTH
D = MODEL WIDTH
 M^* = CRITICAL MACH NUMBER

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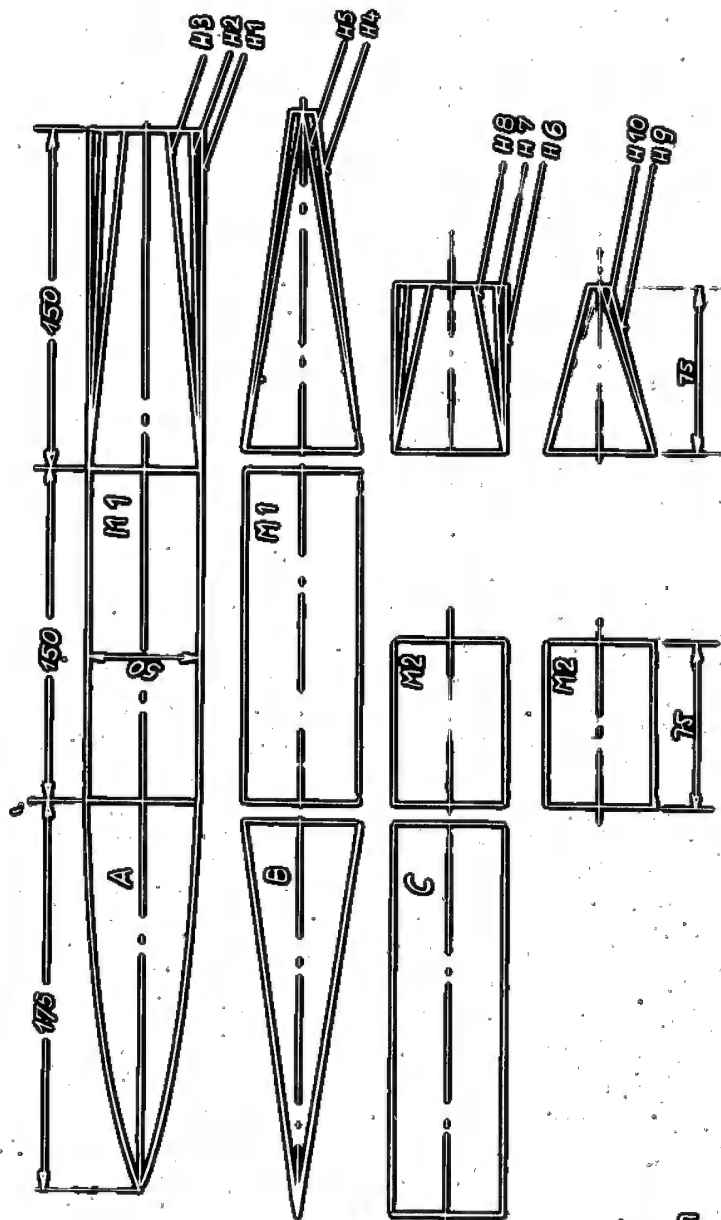
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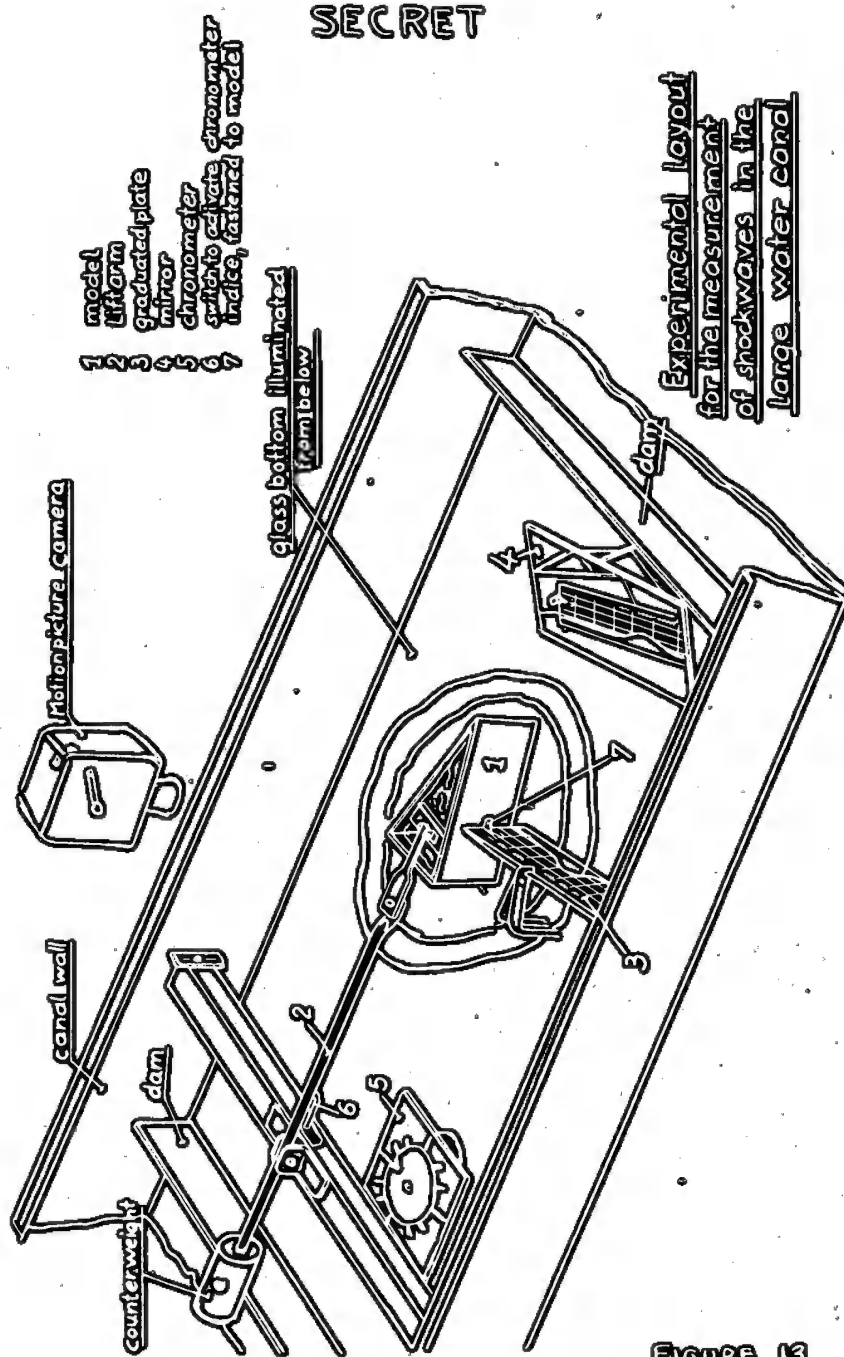
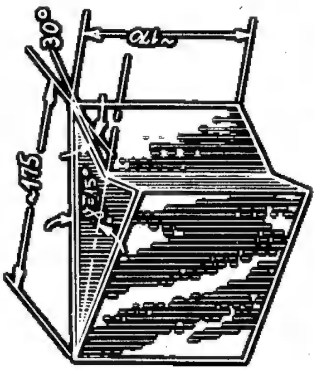


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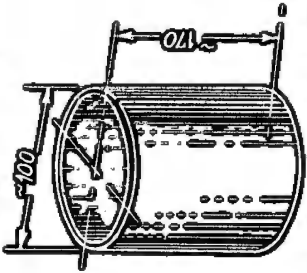
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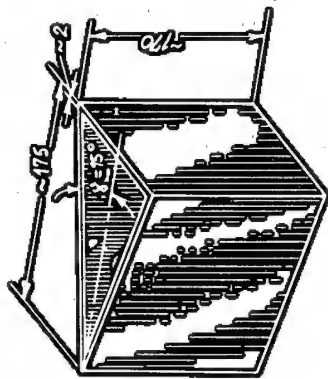


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V-shaped stern

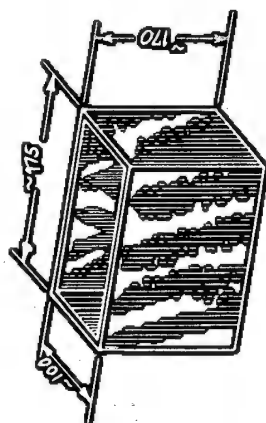


Cylindrical-model

Model shapes



Wedge-model



Rectangular-model

FIGURE 12
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2. The experimental setup on the water canal is shown in Figure 12. It is described below:

(1) Lift arm (Fig. Figure 13): This device, used for raising the model, was fastened on a traverse which in turn was mounted on the walls of the canal. The model was attached at one end to a section of Plexiglas with a counterweight on the other end. The lift arm itself was made of hard aluminum.

(2) Chronograph (Fig. Figure 13): This device was calibrated to read 1 second per cycle and was actuated by a contact switch (Fig. Figure 12) on the lift arm.

(3) Level plate (Fig. Figure 13): This level plate, with index device, was attached with a traverse and an index scale. This plate was placed vertically in the canal at 90 degrees to the side of the model being tested.

(4) Mirror (Fig. Figure 13): This is a standard mirror, without frame, so placed that the image of the level plate was reflected into the view of the motion picture camera.

(5) Can plates (25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100): These plates were used to seal the canal at 1/4" intervals so that it could be used as a basin for these experiments.

(6) Motion picture camera: This was a specially modified camera which operated at 33 frames per second.

d. Preparation for a Typical Experiment

The model to be examined was mounted on the plastic star at the end of the lift arm and secured to the plate glass floor with petroleum jelly. The level plate with the etched lines was placed at right angles to the side of the canal and secured against displacement by means of lead weights. An index attached to the model was set at the 0 value on the index scale of the plate glass floor. The chronograph, measured the space between the bottom of the model and the plate glass floor of the canal. The mirror was then adjusted so that the under portion of the level plate was in the field of view of the motion picture camera which was mounted directly over the model at a distance of 1.2 meters. The can plates were placed in position and the basin thus formed was then inundated to a level of about 1 to 2 cm.

e. The Experiments

The model was filled, to a height of 150 to 180 cm, with red dye water. The chronometer was set at 0 and the motion picture camera started. Then, by pressing the counterweight on the lift arm, the model was raised allowing the dyed water to flow out and form the pattern of the shock wave thus created. Simultaneously, the contact switch was closed activating the chronometer.

The motion picture camera then recorded the following data:

- (1) The extension and configuration of the shock wave from above.
- (2) The height of the model from the plate glass floor.
- (3) The shape and movement of the shock wave in vertical cross section as reflected by the mirror from the level plate.
- (4) The time as recorded by the chronometer.

f. Results:

The data thus obtained was then recorded from the film and calculations.

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made of the speed and size of the shock waves. This data was then turned over to the Aerodynamics Department and Source does not know how it was utilized.

5. Multiple Pressure for Air Flow: Air pressure pick-up plate used in conjunction with a multi-pressure transducer (see Figure 27), to measure static waves in a supersonic stream. The dynamic pressure at a given hole in the pick-up plate was measured and read on the recorder. With very little at various supersonic Mach numbers and at different angles of attack. Since the results agreed with those obtained optically (reading of water levels on the millimeter graduated plate), only a short series of experiments was made.

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7. Rocket Motor Construction: One of the most interesting projects

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was the construction of a small, Russian designed, rocket combustion chamber. Two of these motors were built in a restricted area of the workshop in the fall of 1953. The component parts were made almost entirely by Soviet workers. Only a small part of the necessary welding and drilling operations was done by Americans, and that only to meet a delivery deadline to the test stand. Some time after completion of the first motor, it was returned to the workshop for repair. The exhaust section of the exhaust nozzle had been completely burned through. At this time, the second motor was built.

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(See Figure 28). However, it should be noted that all measurements and arrangement of experiments is very approximate.

The nozzle portion consisted of two conical and a cylindrical section which were welded together. Both the inner wall and outer wall were constructed in the same manner and joined by welding, small metal covers were used to seal the cooling jacket from which fuel was forced to flow before reaching the injectors. The tolerances of this special arrangement were very closely controlled in the second motor as this was thought to be the underlying cause of the failure of the first motor.

The injector head was drilled with an unknown number of holes in a circular pattern. These holes were at definite angles to each other. The fuel and oxidizer was injected from these holes in an alternating flow.

The combustion chamber was cylindrical in shape and therefore, offered no difficulties in construction as there was only one weld on each wall.

8. Electro-magnetic Clutch: About September 1953, Source received an order to build an electro-magnetic clutch designed for the transmission of high RPM with minimum lag time between engaging and disengaging.

The main difficulty in construction arose in the fabrication of the clutch elements. These elements consisted of a magnet and anchor made up of twelve segments each. (See Figure 29). Each segment, in turn, consisted of four "W" shaped pieces made from 1/8" 304 (a short unit of low carbon steel, 304mm thick) which were placed together with the magnet plate. This process proved strong enough to withstand the milling necessary to bring the segments to the proper dimensions.

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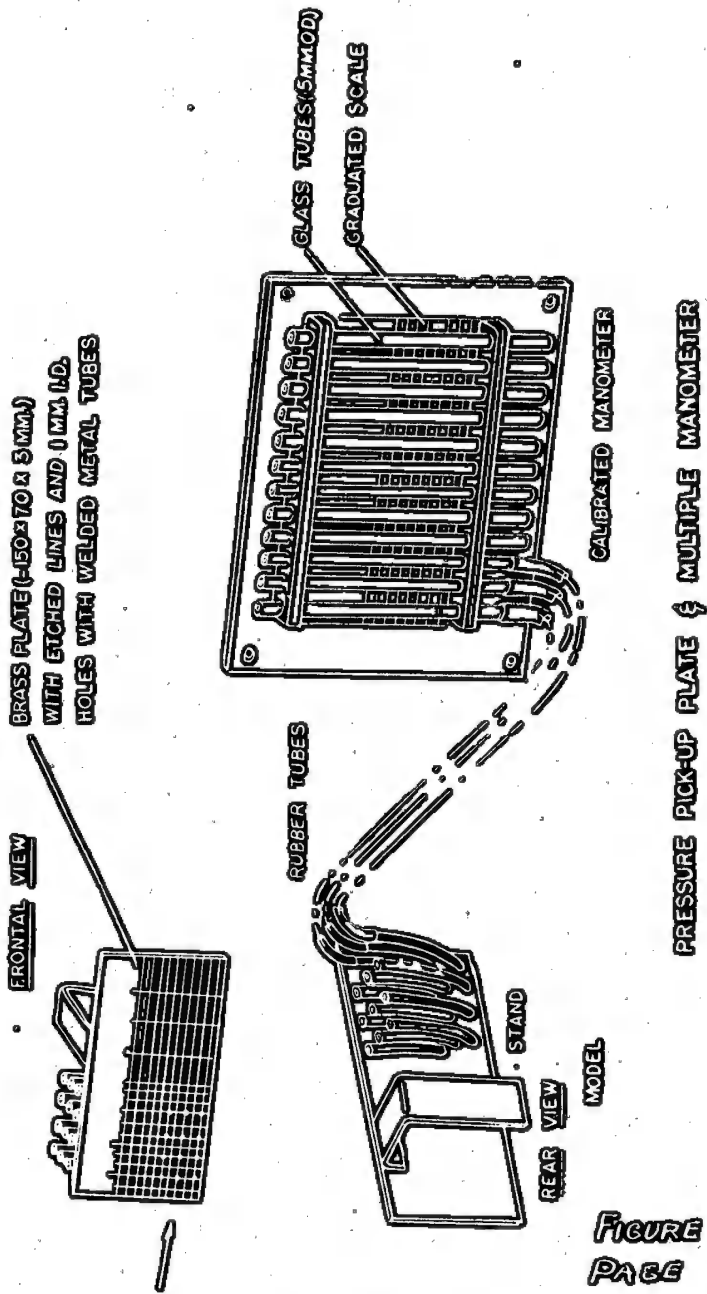
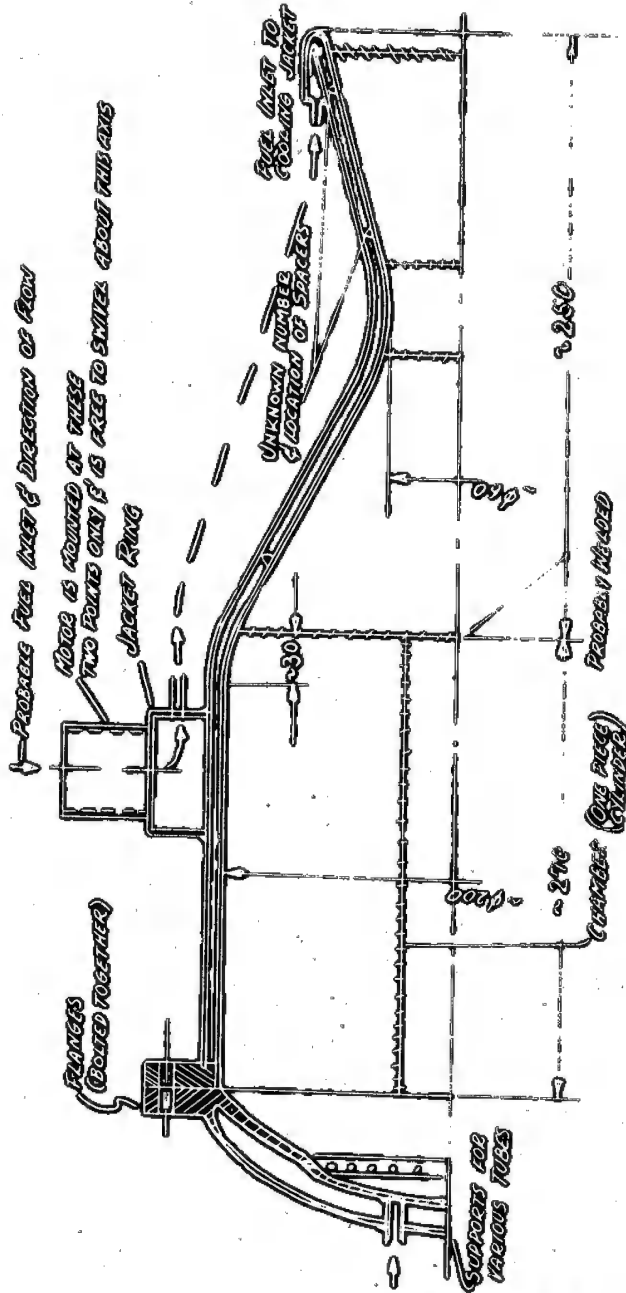


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*Soviet Russian Designed Rocket Motor
Constructed at Ostroshtoy September 1952*

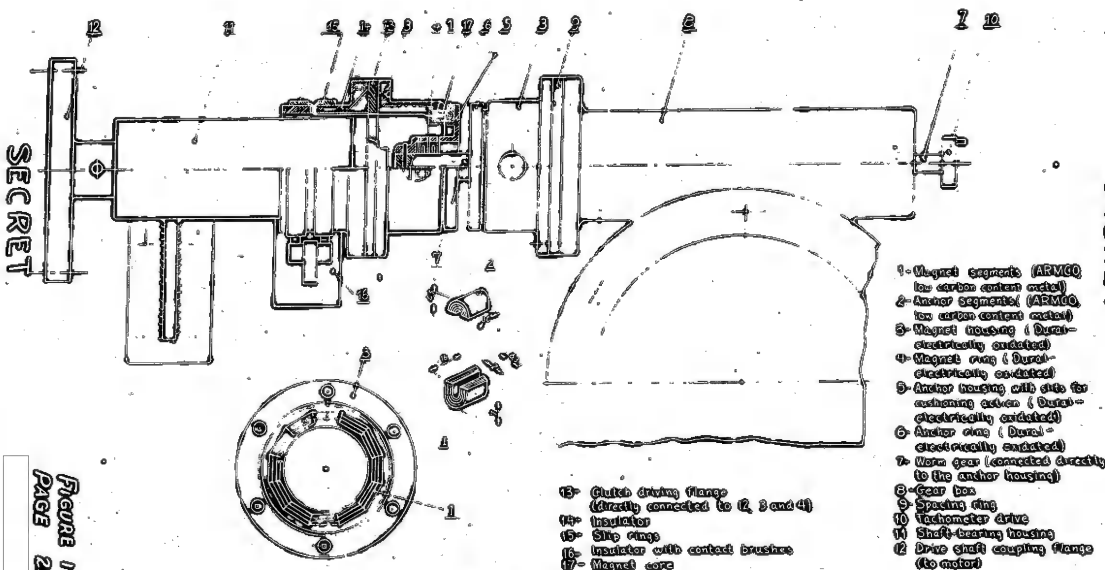
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ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CLUTCH

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For the final construction, minor changes were made in measurements and thickness sheet metal (0.5mm as opposed to a previously used 0.3mm) were used. The layer of glue was meant to serve simultaneously as a welding agent and as insulation between the segment layers to avoid eddy currents. However, the first experimental segment made showed that the glue alone did not offer sufficient insulation. After a lengthy series of experiments, a satisfactory solution was found. The 11700 metal sheets were cut slightly over final size, cleaned with sandpaper and pre-shaped. They were then degreased with acetone, and coated with glue (BR-1). Then they were dried one hour at room temperature, one hour at 55-60°C, and again each was coated with glue, dried one hour at room temperature, one hour at 55-60°C and about 30 minutes at 90°C. At the same time, bands of natural silk were coated on both sides with glue (BR-1), stretched and dried at room temperature. Then the four elements of sheet metal, each separated by a layer of the treated silk, were placed in a jig and heated under slight pressure for 90 minutes at 120°C. (Through the directions in the glue prescribed higher temperatures, a maximum of 120°C was used because the silk would char at higher temperatures.) Now the segment could be milled down to its correct size. Often times, during the milling process, the silk insulation layer became impregnated with metal shavings thus destroying the insulation qualities. To obviate this condition, the segments were carburized with nitric acid.

When completed, the twelve segments were fitted into the magnet and/or anchor housing. This housing was anodized black (insulated by electrical oxidation) and coated with the above described procedure. It was noted that the previously perfect segments developed grounds and short circuits. However, because of a deadline to be met, these segments were used anyway. The space for the magnet core, which had been formed in a mold, was then re-milled and the core fitted and glued with shellac.

Two finished magnets had been produced by the 20th of November 1953. Until then, no electrical measurements had been made. However, most other parts of the clutch were nearly complete.

It was planned that the final construction would no longer contain a twelve segment magnet, but would instead consist of a rotating body where the component sheet metal elements were to be stamped in the form of two semi-circular segments. It was hoped thus to simplify construction and gluing, and to improve insulation as well as reduce wear during operation.

Source does not know if this project was carried to a successful conclusion as he was returned to the USSR at this point in the work.

9. High Trace Recording Oscillograph: The high trace oscillograph (2 cathode ray tubes) was intended for the measurement and photographic recording of electric processes (to 2m per second) (See Figure 14). The design for this oscillograph was made by ICH and KMER, both engineers. This being the record model, experience gained from the first model was utilized so as to make all parts more accessible for repair. Its parts were easily accessible and the electric wiring was simple and easily accessible. The camera and control box were designed by the Soviet, DR. KUTYKIN (wife of SHUMKIN-KOV). Construction was begun in March 1953. It was completed 15 November 1953 after a one and one-half month interruption.

10. Centrifuge Test Stand: Design drawings were prepared in Moscow (probably based on early proposals made on the island). The drawings were altered by FIEBER and SHUMKIN-KOV in order to introduce the hydraulic system. These alterations caused some changes in the reduction gear.

The centrifuge stand was designed for the examination of electric and hydraulic steering apparatus of rockets under various "g" loads. (See Figure 15).

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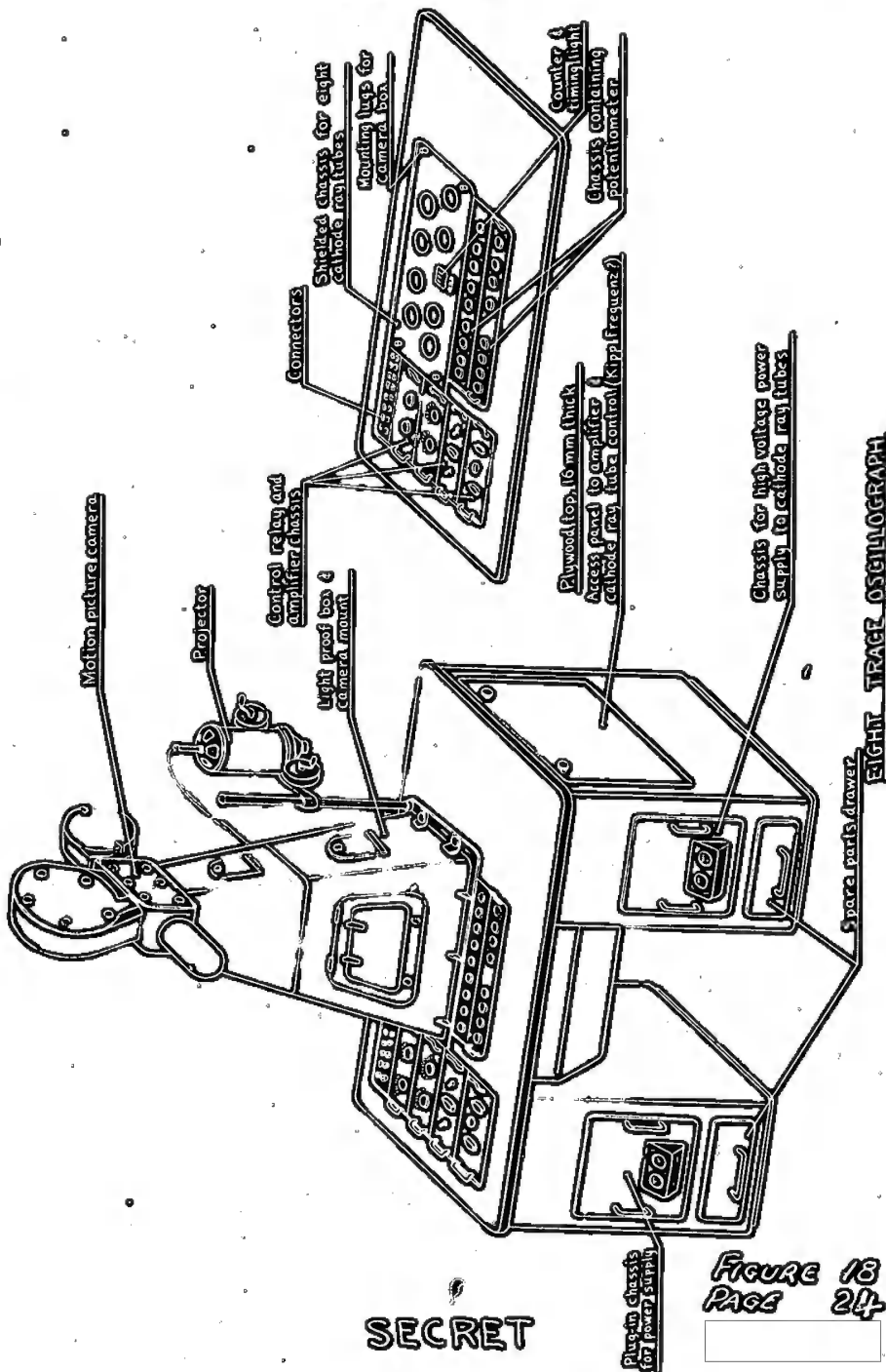
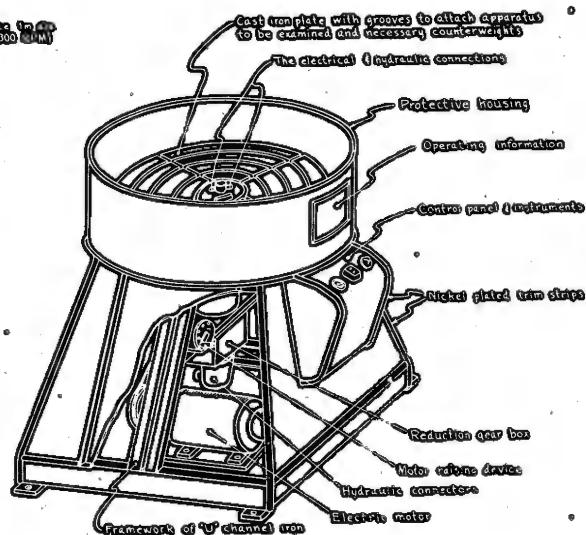
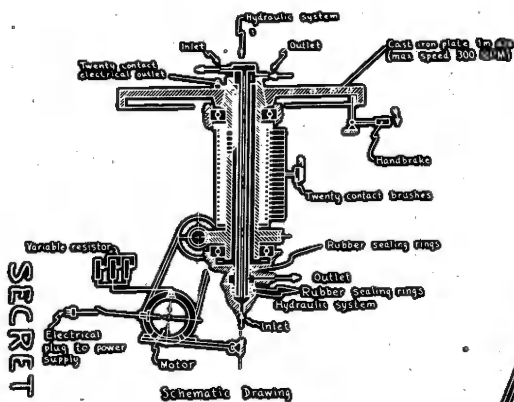


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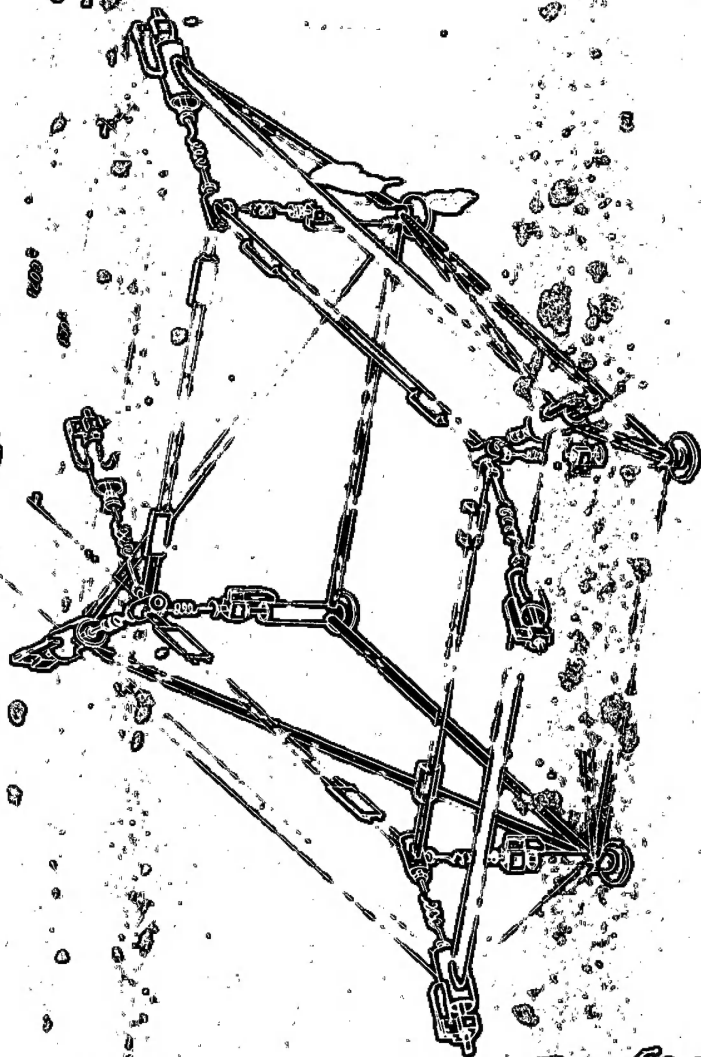
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SUSPENSION PLANT

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